

TINTON FALLS FIRE DISTRICT #1

Executive Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2021

Motion to go into Executive Session was made by Commissioner Hawkins and seconded by Commissioner Harris. All in favor. Went into Executive Session at 7:32 pm.

Commissioner Harris explained the situation. Deputy Chief Roach took possession of a new saw for Pine Brook. The blades were not like the blades of the saws that he is familiar with, they are not as sharp. He contacted Chief Williams and told him it looked like the blades had been tampered with. Chief Williams explained to Deputy Chief Roach the blades are not as sharp because they are used to cut roofing. Because of this everyone at Wayside is very upset about this accusation.

At 7:51 pm Chief Williams and Deputy Chief Roach were invited into the Executive Session. Chief Williams stated that the members are very troubled by the 3rd accusation in 1.5 years from Pine Brook against Wayside. Deputy Chief Roach stated that he was wrong to accuse the Wayside members. He is accustomed to working with a different saw blade and should not have jumped to conclusion.

Commissioner Costa stated that the thing that is most hurtful to him about this situation is that Deputy Chief Roach would ever assume that someone would purposefully tamper with a tool that is used for saving lives, especially one of his fellow firefighters.

Chief Williams stated that Deputy Chief Roach had immediately apologized to him and he was okay with the apology and feels like the situation is now rectified.

The Commissioners expressed their opinion that they thought the Wayside members deserved a public apology from Deputy Chief Roach when the Regular Meeting resumed. Deputy Chief Roach agreed.

Motion to come out of Executive Session was made by Commissioner Harris and seconded by Commissioner Hawkins. All in favor. Came out of Executive Session at 8:13 pm.